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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT IMMEDIATE

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FRANKFURT FOR PERSONNEL OFFICER BAUER FROM RMO SCHADLER
STATE FOR M/MED FROM RMO SHADLER. ALSO FOR NEA/ARN.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC

SUBJECT: REQUESTED HOSPITALIZATION AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT INJURED
BEIRUT

1. PHILIP CAPUTO, BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE
AND A U.S. MARINES VETERAN OF VIET NAM WAS INJURED BY
GUNFIRE IN BEIRUT 3 DAYS AGO. HE SUFFERED COMPOUND
FRACTURE OF RIGHT 4TH METATARSAL, LOSS OF DISTAL PHALANX
RIGHT 5TH TOE, SEVERE COMPOUND COMMINUTED FRACTURE LEFT
OS CALCIS, SEVERAL SMALL SUPERFICIAL MINOR PENETRATING
FRAGMENT WOUNDS OF RIGHT ARM AND RIGHT LEG, AND SHOCK.

2. PATIENT WAS INITIALLY HOSPITALIZED AT PRIVATE BEIRUT
HOSPITAL FOR DEBRIDEMENT, PRESSING, AND INTRAVENOUS
AMPICILLIN AND GARAMYCIN. THIS HOSPITAL CAME UNDER ATTACK
WITH SEVERAL ROCKETS FALLING IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY.
AT NOON TODAY CAPUTO WAS TRANSFERRED BY AMERICAN
EMBASSY SECURITY PERSONNEL IN ARMORED CAR TO AUB
HOSPITAL.

3. RMO SAW PATIENT AT NOON TODAY. GENERAL CONDITION
STABLE SO THAT PATIENT CAN BE TRANSFERRED SATISFACTORILY
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FOR SHORT FLIGHT OF 4 HOURS OR LESS ON COMMERCIAL

CARRIER. PATIENT LAST NIGHT HAD TEMPERATURE OF 102 DET
PRESUMABLY FROM BILATERAL FOOT WOUNDS. LEFT OS CALLIS
NOT IN SATISFACTORY POSITION.

4. REQUEST THAT THIS CIVILIAN PATIENT BE HOSPITALIZED
AT USAF HOSPITAL WIESBADEN OR 97TH GENERAL IN VIEW OF
UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL ABLE TO BE TRANSFERRED
CONUS. NO ONE CAN GUARANTEE FUTURE SECURITY OF AUB
HOSPITAL AND NO SUITABLE FACILITY EXISTS ATHENS OR
ISTANBUL.

5. ETA WILL FOLLOW.

6. WILL TRY TO ARRANGE AN ESCORT TO ACCOMPANY PATIENT.
IN ANY EVENT HE SHOULD BE MET BY AMBULANCE AND STRETCHER.
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